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ROADWATCH: Week of Aug. 8 - 14

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 151 and 156 and between the Rockbridge County line and mile marker 170. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

* **REMOVE I- 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Work is completed.

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, paving will impact traffic on southbound I-81 between mile markers 116 and 109 in Montgomery County during nighttime hours. The right lane will be closed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for bridge deck patching on I-81 northbound and southbound between mile marker 147 and mile marker 167. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Estimated completion is in August.

* **INTERSTATE 81 DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING** – Weather permitting, crews will clean drainage structures along I-81 between mile markers 119 and 116 and at mile marker 105 in Montgomery County. Alternating lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours on weeknights. Work is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10 and Tuesday, Aug. 11.

* **INTERSTATE 81 TREE REMOVAL** – Work to clear sight distance and remove trees along northbound and southbound I-81 may cause left lane closures during nighttime hours between mile markers 160 and 162 in Botetourt County on weeknights.

ROANOKE

* **VALLEY VIEW BOULEVARD BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER I-581** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Aug. 9, the Valley View Boulevard bridge over Interstate 581 will be inspected. This bridge is located near Valley View Mall. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-581 between 7 a.m. and noon.

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* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE OVER WILDWOOD ROAD – Weather permitting, on Friday, Aug. 14, the I-81 bridges over Route 112 (Wildwood Road) will be inspected. The bridges are located near Salem. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on Wildwood Road between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

* INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING – Weather permitting, crews will clean drainage structures along I-581 and Route 220 Expressway. Alternating lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours on weeknights. Work is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 9.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Colonial Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 1593 (Vest Drive) and Route 1620 (Hazel Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. In addition, the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) is closed. This portion of Colonial Avenue is expected to be closed through late August. Signs will be posted to detour traffic around the closure. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures and should watch for signs and flaggers. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 116 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS** – A portion of Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) is closed between its intersection with Route 866 (Mount Pleasant Boulevard) and Route 659 (Mayfield Drive). The road closure will last until mid-August while crews make improvements to the Route 866 intersection. As part of the improvements, one leg of the intersection of Route 116 and Route 866 will be eliminated and site distance will be improved at the intersection. Access for local traffic will be maintained at all times. Detour signs are in place.

* INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE CLEANING – Weather permitting, crews will clean drainage structures along I-581 and Route 220 Expressway. Alternating lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours on weeknights.

*** ROUTE 1166 DRAINAGE WORK** – Route 1166 (Kingsmill Drive) is closed between Route 1164 (Stone Mill Drive) to Route 1165 (Queensmill Drive) due to drainage work. Motorists will need to seek alternate routes around the closure.

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* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews will mow various primary roads in Roanoke County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along the following routes:

- Route 419 (Electric Road) between the Roanoke City and Salem City limits
- Route 311 (Thompson Memorial Drive) between Salem City limits and Route 419
- Route 311 between Route 419 and the Craig County line
- Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Roanoke City limits and the Botetourt County line
- Route 11/460 between Salem City limits and the Montgomery County line
- Route 115 (Plantation Road) between the Roanoke City limits and I-81's Exit 147
- Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) between the Roanoke City limits and the Franklin County line
- Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) between the Roanoke City limits and Williamson Road
- Route 220 between the Roanoke City limits and the Franklin County line

BEDFORD COUNTY

* ROUTE 43 PAVEMENT MARKING – Work to paint lines on Route 43 in Bedford County may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours

*** ROUTE 122 PATCHING** – Crews will patch pavement on Route 122 in the Smith Mountain Lake area. Motorists should watch for lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to widen a 2.2-mile section of Route 221 from just west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in this area. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. **Motorists should watch for flaggers, signs and new traffic patterns.** Periodic nighttime lane closures may occur at various locations, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work on this project will continue into late 2009.

* ROUTE 460 MOWING – Weather permitting, on weekdays during daylight hours, watch for lane or shoulder closures due to mowing or brush cutting along Route 460 in the New London area.

* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, on weekdays during daylight hours, there may be lane or shoulder closures due to mowing or brush cutting on various roads in the New London area.

* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 754 (Saunders Grove Road)
- Route 644 (Coffee Road)
- Route 680 (Patterson Mill Road)
- Route 727 and Route 801 in the Smith Mountain Lake area

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* **ROUTE 645 SLIDE REPAIRS** – Crews will make repairs to Route 645 (Holcomb Rock Road) due to slide repairs. Motorists should watch for lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 600 BRIDGE WORK** – On Monday, Aug. 10, Route 600 will be closed to through traffic between Route 122 and Route 772 (Marcus Trail) for repairs to the bridge over Hunting Creek. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes around the closure between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Then, on Tuesday, Aug. 11, drivers should expect delays on Route 600 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. while flaggers direct traffic.

* **ROUTE 784 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Crews are working to replace a pipe on Route 784 (Triggs Road). Temporary gravel has been placed on the pipe, and paving will be scheduled.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to paving at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 43 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, work to replace a pipe on Route 43 will cause lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 13 at the Route 750 (Cherrytree Bottom Road) intersection.

* **ROUTE 615 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – A portion of Route 615 (Craig Creek Road) will be closed to through traffic while crews replace the riding surface of Route 615 bridge over a tributary of Craig Creek. The bridge is located 0.2 mile west of Route 774, near Oriskany Square. Route 615 is expected to be closed in this area until Friday, Aug. 14. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers headed to Roanoke should take Route 615 east to Route 220 south to Interstate 81.

* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will mow various primary roads in Botetourt County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along the following routes:

- Route 220 (Roanoke Road) between Route 11 and Fincastle
- Route 220 Alternate between Route 460 and Route 11
- Route 311 between Route 419 and the Craig County line
- Route 11 (Lee Highway) between Roanoke County line and the Rockbridge County line
- Purgatory Mountain Road and Diamond Hill Road

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS** – Crews will be cutting rumble strips along southbound I-77 between mile marker 24 and mile marker 6. Motorists should watch for mobile closures, Sunday through Thursday, between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Message boards will alert drivers to lane closures.

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* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE WORK – Work is under way to rehabilitate a pair of bridges on I-77 at marker 23.6 in the Poplar Camp area. These bridges are located about 0.6 mile south of the Wythe County line and carry northbound and southbound I-77 over Route 743 (Pleasant Hill Road). There will be temporary lane closures on both northbound and southbound I-77 during nighttime hours. State Police will be present in the work zone. No daytime lane closures are planned.

* INTERSTATE 77 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS – Weather permitting, guardrail repairs may cause right lane closures on northbound and southbound I-77 at mile marker 23 during daylight hours on weekdays.

* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE PATCHING – Weather permitting, crews will patch a bridge at mile marker 8.8 on southbound I-77. Work may cause left and right lane closures during nighttime hours. Work is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10, Tuesday, Aug. 11 and Wednesday, Aug. 12.

*** ROUTE 52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER LITTLE REED ISLAND CREEK**
– A section of Route 52 is closed to through traffic due to work to replace the Route 52 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located two miles north of Hillsville. The bridge is expected to be closed until sometime in November. Detours signs are in place.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge will be widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

* ROUTE 42 MOWING – Weather permitting, crews will mow on Route 42 between the Giles County line and New Castle. Drivers should watch for shoulder and possible lane closures on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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* **ROUTE 311 BRIDGE OVER PAINT BANK BRANCH** – The road has reopened to traffic. Flaggers may direct traffic over the next two weeks on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 40 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on **Route 40 East between the east limits of Rocky Mount and Redwood. Flaggers and pilot trucks will control traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should expect delays.**

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures will be in place on northbound Route 220 between the Franklin Heights interchange and the Blackwater bridge. Drivers should watch for lane closures during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 122 & ROUTE 116 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to improve the intersection of Route 122 and Route 116. Work will include the installation of a new traffic signal. Temporary lane closures may be in place at various locations in the work zone. Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers and use caution in the area. Estimated completion is November 2009.

* **ROUTE 220 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The exit ramp leading from northbound Route 220 onto northbound Route 220 Business in Franklin County is closed. This ramp is located just south of Rocky Mount in the Doe Run area. The ramp will be closed until August while the bridge that carries Route 220 Business over Route 220 is replaced. A detour is posted directing traffic on northbound Route 220 to use the Route 40 exit to access Route 220 Business (South Main Street). During the ramp closure, vehicles also are prohibited from making left turns at the crossover from northbound Route 220 onto Southside Drive, Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 beneath the bridge due to bridge beams being removed. Signs and message boards will be in place on Route 220 to advise motorists of lane closures. Drivers should expect delays as northbound Route 220 traffic may be stopped at times. Estimated completion is August.

* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, on weekdays during daylight hours, there may be lane or shoulder closures due to mowing or brush cutting on various primary roads in Franklin County. Route 220, Route 112 and Route 116 are among those routes to be mowed.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers, possible lane and shoulder closures on various secondary roads in Franklin County due to mowing or brush cutting. Crews may direct traffic at times during daylight hours. Watch for signs. Mowing is scheduled along these routes:

- Route 610 (Waters Edge Drive)
- Route 645 (Old Mountain Road)
- Route 662 (Old Salem School Road)
- Route 671 (Golden View Road)
- Route 715 (Chestnut Mountain Road)
- Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road)
- Route 890 (Snow Creek Road)

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* **ROUTE 717 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, work to replace a pipe on Route 717 (Sutton Hollow Road) may cause periodic lane closures on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be patching pavement between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for flaggers directing traffic and lane closures on Route 607 (Providence Church Road), Route 762 (Providence Church Road) and Route 619 (Fanny Cook Road).

* **DITCH OR SHOULDER MAINTENANCE (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be performing ditch or shoulder maintenance at various locations. Motorists should watch for lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours on the following routes

- Route 619 (Sontag Road)
- Route 623 (Fairy Stone Park Road)
- Route 626 (Ramsey Memorial Road)
- Route 722 (Beulah Road)
- Route 736 (Madcap Road)
- Route 772 (Marshall Hill Road)

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING (RIDGEWAY)** – Weather permitting, paving on northbound Route 220 between Route 87 and the Route 58 Bypass in the Ridgeway area will cause lane closures between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10 through Wednesday Aug. 12.

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING (HORSEPASTURE)** – Weather permitting, paving on northbound Route 220 in the Horsepasture area between Route 921 and Forsythia Drive will cause lane closures between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12 through Friday, Aug. 14.

* **PARKWAY DRIVE BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 220** – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Aug. 13, the Route 1714 (Parkway Drive) bridge over Route 220 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Martinsville. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 beneath the bridge from 8 a.m. to noon.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

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* **ROUTE 619 DAMAGED CULVERT** – Route 619 (Lawrence Drive) between Route 57 (Chatham Road) and Route 647 (Mountain Valley Road) is closed to through traffic. No estimate for reopening the road is available at this time.

* **ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Aug. 9, bridges at the Route 460 Bypass Christiansburg interchange will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures ramps at the interchange between 7 a.m. and noon.

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours

* **ROUTE 629 ROAD WORK** – Beginning on Monday, Aug. 10 at 8 a.m., about 0.1 mile of Route 629 (Bradshaw Road) will be closed to through traffic. The road will be closed while crews make repairs. This 0.1-mile section of Route 629 is located near its intersection with Route 622 (Flatwoods Road). This portion of Route 629 will remain closed until the late afternoon of Friday, Aug. 14. Detour signs will be in place advising drivers to use alternate routes around the closure.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 & ROUTE 58 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Work to paint lines on Route 8 and Route 58 in Patrick County may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 627 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – The Route 627 bridge over Neck Creek will be repaired. The bridge will be closed to traffic between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday for repairs. Signs and message boards will be in place detouring traffic to alternate routes.

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